

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING APRIL 9, 2002

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of March 26, meeting
2. 5a Approve the diesel fuel claim for the public works department in the amount of \$846.00
3. 17 Approve the final plat for McTavish Subdivision
4. 18 Approve Resolution #02-0031 to amend the petty cash fund for the inmate welfare fund
5. 20a Approve the early claim to transfer fund from the Equipment Improvement Reserve Fund to the General Fund
6. 20b Approve Resolution #02-0023 to increase appropriations for County Court budget
7. 21 Approve Resolution #02-0024 for Unclaimed Property for Building & Grounds
8. 23 Accept and place on file the office reports from County Court, Hall County Sheriff, and Hall & Howard County Juvenile Services
9. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT  
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES  
MARCH 2002

JUVENILE REFERRALS	23 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	2 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	2 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	209 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1,130.00

OFFICE REPORT  
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES  
FEBRUARY 2001

JUVENILE REFERRALS	2 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	24 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$ 0
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$1775.00

OFFICE REPORT  
HALL CO. SHERIFF  
FEBRUARY 2002

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 12,893.18
COPIES	92.00
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	40.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,790.00

OFFICE REPORT  
COUNTY COURT  
MARCH 2002

FINES (CO.)	\$61,025.12
OVERLOAD FINES	3,575.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,658.70
WORK RELEASE FEES	1,528.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	16.00
FINES (CITY)	7,718.50
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	660.70
BOND FORFEITURES	1,381.42
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	.00
TOTAL	\$ 67,563.44

9b APPROVE RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES  
Trish Beam with the Convention and Visitors Bureau was present and she stated that they will be holding the first annual awards banquet for the arts and humanities. This was a combined effort with Moonshell Arts and Humanities Council. She provided the board with the April Calendar of events. She said that we all need to be aware of the fact that art is everywhere in our lives. She stated that they are trying to create an arts and humanities council in Hall County. County Clerk Marla Conley read Resolution #02-0025 naming April is for the Arts.

9a APPROVE RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH –  
Heath Director Sonja Simpson was present and she stated that she started at the Health  
Department 1 year ago and it has been a busy year. The Proclamation #02-0026  
declaring April as public health month was read.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH IN HALL COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION #02-\_\_\_\_\_**

Whereas, Nebraskans have achieved almost 30 additional years of life expectancy since  
1900; and

Whereas, public health efforts are credited with the majority of improvements in our  
health status and expanded life expectance; and

Whereas, public health succeeds by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness  
and injury in populations; and

Whereas, public health is about ensuring healthy living and working environments; and

Whereas, public health measures such as controlling the spread of disease, maintaining safe  
food and drinking water, and providing maternal and child health services, have prevented  
countless deaths and improved our quality of life; and

Whereas, public health efforts lead the way to building a comprehensive bioterrorism  
prevention program; and

Whereas, public health services benefit all citizens, regardless of age, culture or race; and

Whereas, public health services result in healthy Nebraskans in healthy communities; and

Whereas, it is important that we do not take public health for granted and that we  
recognize the need to maintain and improve our current public health efforts.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Hall County Board of Supervisors that we proclaim  
April as National Public Health Month in Grand Island and Hall County and that we call upon  
our citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2002

Resolution moved by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:

Scott Arnold	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Richard Hartman	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Bob Humiston	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
William P. Jeffries	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Pamela Lancaster	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Jim Eriksen	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Lonnie Logan	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.

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Pamela Lancaster  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

Lancaster stated that everyone received the blue ribbons for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Proclamation #02-0027 was read for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #02-0025 for the arts, Proclamation #02-0026 for public health and Proclamation #02-0027 for Child abuse awareness month. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

***PROCLAMATION***

HEREAS, Over 200 children were involved in substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect through the Nebraska Health and Human Services System in Hall, Hamilton, Merrick and Howard Counties in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Hall County are committed to supporting families through programs that will prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous dedicated individuals and organizations in Hall County who work daily to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect and to find families the assistance that they need; and

WHEREAS, every child has a right to live rather than exist, to be a person rather than a possession and to be equal with every other human being, regardless of age; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve loving hugs, warm homes, and tender care from parents and adults whole make them feel safe, happy, and loved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hall County Board of Supervisors that April is

***CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH***

In Hall County that we call upon our citizens to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities to wear a Blue Ribbon to show that it shouldn't hurt to be a child. Every child deserves a Blue Ribbon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_.

Resolution moved by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE:**

Scott Arnold	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Richard Hartman	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
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Pamela Lancaster, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

10. TOM BAXTER TO PROTEST SPPD DESIGNATION – Mr. Tom Baxter was present and he stated he attended the Reuse Committee meeting yesterday. He accepted the vote that was taken but does not agree with it. He said that he has purchased a lot of the land at the auctions and he is requesting a revision of the vote to designate the four tracts to SPPD. He would like to see the board override the designation. Discussion was held to remove part of Tract #27 from the designation and sell part of that tract. Mr. Baxter stated he would like to purchase that land to use as a buffer zone for his cattle feeding operation. Arnold stated that this property would be used for heavy industrial and it is unlikely that a telemarketing firm would use this industrial tract. Mr. Baxter stated that biohazards are a critical issue to cattle feeding operations. Logan suggested that Tract #27 could be split and part of it could be auctioned off. Mr. Baxter does not support the designation he would like to see the land sold. Mr. Eriksen requested to hear from Mr. Hedman with SPPD.

Gary Hedman general manager of SPPD was present and said he also attended the Reuse Committee meeting yesterday. They requested the designation of the four tracts at the Reuse Committee meeting. He stated he understands Mr. Baxter's request for a buffer but does not feel that the buffer should include the rail lines. He would propose splitting Tract #27 so the buffer would be available to Mr. Baxter and they would still be able to use the rail lines. Mr. Hedman stated that he would recommend this to his board and he is sure they would also support this. The SPPD board members support agriculture and some of the members are cattle feeders. Once the land was designated SPPD would offer this compromise.

Hartman questioned what would be wrong with just selling the land at public auction then everyone would have the opportunity to purchase the land. He does not want to see the designation of the tracts.

Logan stated he would like to see Mr. Hedman and Mr. Baxter work this out. He said he questioned why SPPD would need access to both sides of the rail lines in Tract 26 when they would already have access to the lines in Tract #26. Mr. Hedman said that access to both sides of the rail lines would be important to industry. He does now want to see the land used as a buffer when it could be used to create a tax base and be used for industry and more jobs.

Jeffries stated that we might be making it more difficult that it is. Once the designation is completed and SPPD are the owners they can sell the property and the county does not have anything to say in the matter.

Mr. Hedman stated that he would recommend to his board to split Tract #27 and sell the land. The property would be sold at fair market value and anyone could buy it. Hartman questioned what would be wrong with just selling the land at a public auction. Mr. Hedman stated that Mr. Baxter requested a buffer zone and he thought this was a way to provide the buffer and also address the economic development

11a. REUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION DISCUSS & CONSIDER A MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUS MOTION DATED PERTAINING TO DESIGNATION OF T5TRACTS AT CAAP – Chairman Lancaster called for any further discussion on the matter. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to amend the previous motion dated October 23, 2001 that the county board make no further designations of transferees. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

11b The Reuse Committee met and voted five to four to approve the designation. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to designate tracts 26, part of tract 27, 37 and 38 including the farm site to Southern Public Power District and to approve Resolution #02-0030a.

Eriksen stated that this was a tough vote, but he looked at three criteria; 1) how this would fit in the comprehensive reuse plan, 2) the effect it would have on the ag community, realizing that Hall County is an ag community and 3) how would this impact and benefit the residents and taxpayers of Hall County. When this was all put together he felt that the designation was the right move. We need the designation for the long-range plan.

Logan stated that a decision had to be made that would be good for the community and for economic development. Designation for SPPD for heavy industrial is a good thing and the county needs to take every opportunity for this development, but he feels that there is still a way for compromise. He questioned why SPPD could not accomplish the heavy industrial development without tract #27. Logan made a motion and Hartman seconded to amend the designation and remove tract #27. Hartman questioned if the property that was purchased by DTE was on the tax roles. Discussion was held concerning the status of land owned by a government entity and who would have to pay taxes.

The vote on the amendment to remove tract #27 from the designation to SPPD was taken. Hartman and Logan voted yes and Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster voted no. Motion failed.

The vote on the original motion to designate tracts # 26, part of 27, 36 and 37 to SPPD and to approve Resolution #02-0030 was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and Hartman voted no. Motion carried.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

4a DISCUSS & APPROVE HANDI BUSS BUDGET 4b APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION OF FUNDS – Marianne Manning Program Coordinator and Lois Stienke Director of Senior Citizens were present. The board members received copies of the proposed budget and the request for a new handi-bus for 2003. Marianne reported that during the first nine months that mileage on the buses has increased by 9,000 over last year. She stated the riders in Wood River, Cairo and Doniphan have increased. The City of Grand Island is growing that that also makes a difference. They have decreased the cab tickets from 15,000 to 12,000 because they have not sold as many. Right now they are only selling 41% of what is available. The buses can transport wheelchairs and cabs cannot. Marianne stated that they do not want to deny anyone a ride.

Stacey Ruzicka verified that the budget amount would be \$49,881.60 and the request for the new handi bus would be \$14,025.00. They did not receive a bus last year so the budgeted dollars can be carried over.

Marianne stated that the cost of fuel is hard to estimate and maintenance is higher because they are driving more miles, some of the buses are also getting old. Their maintenance is at 81% right now. They will also need to hire a full time driver and pay the health insurance.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the budget and approve Resolution #02-0029 for the application for funds. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.



6a 9:30 A.M. BID OPENING FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL FOR BELTZER BUILDING –  
The following bids were received and read by the county clerk:

BIDDER	PRICE PER SQ FT	TOTAL BID	COMPLETION DATE	BOND
QUAD C CONSULTING		\$ 300.00 (FOR PROJECT MONITOR ONLY)	NA	
ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECT	\$1.80	\$10,250.00	15 DAYS AFTER NOTICE	YES
GREAT PLAINS ASBESTOS	\$2.80	\$13,500.00	5 DAYS	YES

Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to refer the bids to Jerry Janulewicz and the building and grounds committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FONNER VIEW GOLF – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to open the public hearing for Fonner View Golf liquor license. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The application was received by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and forwarded to Hall County for their approval. The Hall County Sheriff completed the background check and they stated there was no reason not to approve the request. Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the liquor license for Fonner View Golf. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:15 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR LICENSE FOR EL NOA NOA – Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to open the public hearing for El Noa Noa for the liquor license. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The application was received by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and forwarded to Hall County for their approval. The request for the background check was sent to the Hall County Sheriff's Department and they did not complete the investigation. Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to table action on the request from El Noa Noa until the next meeting and the board receives the background information from

the Hall County Sheriff. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT AS TRANSFEREE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNHUSKER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT – Eriksen stated that in October of last year the Hall County Board passed a motion to designate property to NPPD, but a resolution was not completed. The resolution has been prepared for the board's approval. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #02-0030a designating Nebraska Public Power District as transferee of tracts 32, 33, 35, 36 and part of 37. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

13. LONG RANGE PLAN – JAIL FACILITY – Lancaster stated that she visited Post, Texas, which is the location of the private corrections facility. She prepared notes of the information that she received and will make copies of the information for the board members to review.

15 AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN MASTER CARD APPLICATION FOR COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND DRUG COURT COORDINATOR – The Sheriff's Department is requesting to change their Master Card application through Five Points Bank instead of Wells Fargo. Because of the county claim system and when the claims are paid they were receiving late fees on the accounts, but with the local bank they have agreed to waive the fees. Correction Director Dave Arnold stated that his department stopped using credit cards because of this problem. Discussion was held on what the cards are being used for. Logan made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize the chair to sign the credit card applications for the Sheriff's Department and the Drug Court. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16 AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN GRANT APPLICATION FOR DRUG COURT – The board did not receive any information on this item. Arnold made a motion and Logan seconded to table this matter until the next meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Jeffries and Logan absent for the vote. Motion carried.

16b AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT – Arnold made a motion and Logan seconded to authorize the chair to sign the Law Enforcement Block Grant. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

18 CORRECTION STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSE BID – Scott Arnold stated that the corrections steering committee met and they invited Dr McGahan to attend. They discussed the physician services and Dr. McGahan provided the committee with good information. Right now they are doing the best they can with the current services. Arnold made a motion and Logan seconded to approve the contract with Dr. Budd and authorize the chair to sign. This contract is good for one year with the renewal option. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

22 AUDIT PAYROLL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PAYROLL BID Humiston stated that the payroll committee met for numerous hours to consider the bids. Presentations from two bidders were held, a cost analysis was completed and the committee recommended to accept the bid from ADP. Eriksen questioned what the new system would save and Humiston stated it would be much more efficient and if the old system was maintained the departments would have to hire at least three more people. The costs from the computer consultant were also clarified. Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to award the bid for the payroll services to Automatic Data Processing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

29 DISCUSS & APPROVE REMODELING PROJECT GIS/REGISTER OF DEEDS – Jeffries stated that the building & grounds committee received a request from the GIS Department requesting to relocate a wall in the Register of Deeds Office to increase the

space for the GIS Department. The board members received a memo and a drawing showing the changes. The cost would be about \$1,300.00 and the labor would be done by the building & grounds department. Most of the cost would be for the electrical services. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the remodeling project for the GIS Department. Humiston questioned why the GIS committee was not aware of this. Logan stated that the GIS committee should discuss this. Jeffries withdrew his motion and Humiston withdrew his second. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to table this matter until the next meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster stated that the board received a request from the Public Works Union to start negotiations. She stated that Bud Jeffries is chair of the Public Works Department and she appointed Bud and Jerry Janulewicz to start the negotiations.

**BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT** – Stacey Ruzicka Board Assistant included the progress reports in the packets. She requested that the evaluations be completed and returned to her. She reminded the board that the computer committee, senior citizens, and the Mid-Plains finance committee will meet. She reported that HeadStart invited the board to participate in the “Week of the Child” by reading a story to the Head Start children. She also reported that the public comment on the piping plover has been opened.

**BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS** – Hartman – He attended the corrections meeting, the audit committee and the reuse meeting.

Humiston – He stated his meetings have all been reported on.

Eriksen – He attended the jail work-study session, the NRD meeting, the CASA and Reuse meetings.

Logan – He attended the corrections steering meeting and the work-study session. He stated in the last two weeks he has had three calls from people because they are dissatisfied with the quality of the sound on the board meetings that are aired on TV. He would like to refer this to the building & grounds for estimates to upgrade the system. The money is set aside. Stacey stated that they are working on this.

Jeffries – He attended the jail work-study session, the building & grounds meeting and he stated that he had talked to Chuck Kaufman concerning the sound in boardroom.

Arnold – He attended the corrections steering committee and the jail work-study session.  
Lancaster – She reported that she toured the jail facility in Post, Texas. She also said she received a call about the lighting of the CourtHouse and how nice it looks.

**NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be April 23 at 9:00 a.m.

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Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – THE COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS MAY BE VIEWED ON GITV CABLE CHANNEL 6 AND UHF CHANNEL 56 WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. AND FRIDAY AT 8:00 A.M.